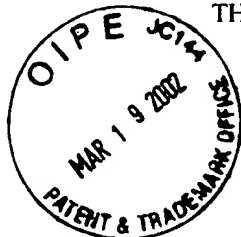


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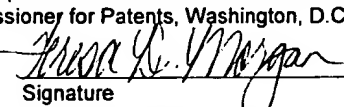
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Sir:

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- X Applicant hereby petitions for three-month extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the Claims

Claim 47 (Once Amended). A method of making and implanting a catheter of customized configuration comprising the steps of:

providing a tubular body made of a tear resistant material that expands in the presence of a select external stimulus, the tubular body having a tubular body lumen with a diameter;

determining a desired configuration of catheter by reference to an individual patient;

exposing the tubular body to the external stimulus that causes the material of the tubular body to expand whereby the tubular body expands;

placing a tip in the tubular body lumen, the tip having an outside diameter at least equal to the inside diameter of the tubular body lumen when the tubular body is not exposed to the select external stimulus;